

HB 2668-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Requires boarding homes that provide respite care services to comply with the assessment and plan of care provisions of RCW 18.20.350.

Provides that when a boarding home facility provides respite care, before or at the time of admission, the facility must obtain sufficient information to meet the individual's anticipated needs.

Requires that agencies conducting family caregiver long-term care information and support services develop an evidence-based tailored caregiver assessment and referral tool and provide the option of a one-time voucher benefit per caregiver screened to meet the needs critical to health or safety of either the adult care recipient or the caregiver.

Provides that the community based services for low-income eligible persons shall include long-term care planning and options counseling, information and crisis intervention, and streamlined assistance to access a wide array of public and private community-based services.

Requires the department of health to develop a statewide fall prevention program to include networking community services, identifying service gaps, making affordable senior-based, evaluated exercise programs more available, providing consumer education to older adults, their adult children, and the community at large, and conducting professional education on fall risk identification and reduction.

Requires additional support for residents in community settings who exhibit challenging behaviors that put them at risk for institutional placement.

Establishes two seniors dental access projects.